

Audit: Cape employee improperly paid

District pledges
to improve
reporting policies

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DOVER — A Cape Henlopen School District employee will have to repay more than \$3,000 after an investigation revealed the worker was improperly paid for sick days and vacation time.

The findings, released Thursday by the state auditor's office, recommend the district to beef up its leave reporting requirements to prevent future problems.

State Auditor R. Thomas Wagner Jr. has a policy of not revealing individual's names and said the case has been turned over to the Department of Justice for a criminal investigation.

Between Sept. 1, 2002, and April 30, 2006, the auditor's office

found, the employee took 209 hours of leave worth \$3,475, but never had the sick or vacation time taken away.

Instead the employee was paid as if those hours had been worked.

The employee's supervisor had approved the leave, but the worker never sent a slip noting the leave to the proper secretary for processing.

The auditor's office said the

district needs to improve its record keeping process, including making sure leave slips go to the right person and are not left with the employee, who in this case never turned them in.

The district, in a response included in the auditor's report, pledged to make the employee repay the money and take steps within the next 90 days to improve its leave reporting policies.